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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 JANE DOES 1-10, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON,
14 et al.,

15 Defendants.

CASE NO. C16-1212JLR

MINUTE ORDER

16 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable
17 James L. Robart:

18 The parties have asked the court to appoint a settlement judge to conduct a
19 settlement conference in this matter pursuant to Local Civil Rule 39.1(e). (*See* 10/6/22
20 JSR (Dkt. # 253); *see also* 10/11/22 Min. Entry (Dkt. # 254).) Under that rule, “the court
21 may appoint a settlement judge who may conduct a settlement conference in such manner
22 as that settlement judge may deem appropriate.” Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 39.1(e).

1 The parties represent that they have been engaging in settlement discussions and
2 that the appointment of a settlement judge could be productive in helping them reach
3 agreement. (*See* 10/6/22 JSR.) Accordingly, the court GRANTS the parties' request to
4 appoint a settlement judge and APPOINTS the Honorable Michelle L. Peterson, United
5 States Magistrate Judge, to serve as settlement judge in this case. Counsel are directed to
6 communicate with Magistrate Judge Peterson, through her chambers staff, about the
7 delivery and length of settlement briefs, any other materials that should be provided, and
8 the time and place of the settlement conference. The court DIRECTS the Clerk to
9 provide Magistrate Judge Peterson a copy of this order.

10 Filed and entered this 11th day of October, 2022.

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12 RAVI SUBRAMANIAN
13 Clerk of Court

14 s/ Ashleigh Drecktrah
15 Deputy Clerk
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